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2. [redacted] the restricted Weisse Stadt settlement was [redacted] the headquarters [redacted] of a brigade. The superior headquarters was apparently located at Fuerstenberg, because field-grade officers frequently left for Fuerstenberg to attend briefings there. (3) The commanding officer of the three AT artillery regiments recently went to the U.S.S.R. on a 50-day leave. [redacted]

[redacted] the construction of an observation tower on top of the Flieger Schule was postponed until the fall on orders of a central agency in Werder/Havel, 50X1-HUM allegedly because of a lack of funds.

3. The ammunition dump at Hasenheide was surrounded by a third barbed-wire entanglement in the middle of June. Its lighting system was completed.

4. Only guard or housekeeping details were observed in the Oranienburg Castle, the concentration camp and the Panzer Schule on 4 July. Truck [redacted] was seen 50X1-HUM entering the Panzer Schule.

5. Until 4 July, the Weisse Stadt settlement was occupied by about 1,500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Five rocket launchers were seen moving into the billeting area on 3 July. Five sections averaging 8 to 10 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia, practiced the construction of telephone lines on 4 July. [redacted]

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6. On 4 July, the concentration camp was occupied by only guard detail of soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. The castle in the town quartered about 150 soldiers. There was no vehicular traffic. The Kaiserstahl Plant was occupied by only a guard unit of soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. Garages, which could be seen from the street, were empty. Vehicles which entered the Weisse Stadt settlement on 2 July, apparently returning from a field exercise, included: trucks [redacted] carrying soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets; and rocket launchers [redacted]. Sedans [redacted] were loaded at the freight yard on 4 July. (4)

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7. A train, without engine and loaded with 6 rocket launchers [redacted] and 4 trucks [redacted] was in the Oranienburg railroad station at 10:30 a.m. on 12 July. (5)

8. A train of 6 boxcars and 39 flatcars carrying : troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia; an undetermined number of rocket launchers; and vehicles [redacted] departed from Oranienburg at 2:15 p.m. on 12 July, heading toward Gernsdorf. (5)

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9. The following troop trains were loaded at the Oranienburg railroad station and dispatched toward Krenzen: 3:30 p.m. on 11 July. Train of 41 flatcars, 5 boxcars and 6 coaches carrying about 150 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets and were equipped with 10 rocket launchers and 25 trucks [redacted]

2 p.m. on 12 July. Train of 48 flatcars, 4 boxcars and 1 coach carrying about 40 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets, 10 rocket launchers, 12 artillery pieces, 20 trucks [redacted] and signal and gas-defense equipment. (5)

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10. A total of 250 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 35 heavy artillery pieces, apparently of 150-mm, were unloaded at the Oranienburg freight station from 10 coaches and 42 flatcars at about 3:30 p.m. on 10 July. (6)

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Comments.

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- (3) The trips of the officers to Fuerstenberg prove that the brigade is a component of the Second Gds Meck Army.

- (4) The sedans belong to the Hq XXVIII Gds Pz Rifle Corps and the truck to [redacted] the Eighth Gds Army.

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- (5) [redacted] components of the unidentified rocket launcher regiment and the unidentified AT artillery brigade from the Weisse Stadt settlement were loaded. There is a possibility that the units loaded at Oranienburg had the same destination as the elements of the 12th Gds Tank Div that left Neuruppin at the same time. [redacted]

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(6) The caliber of the artillery pieces is probably overestimated.

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